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Report of START IG Meeting

Attached is the summary report of the March 29, 1984 meeting of the START IG.

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The IG met to review the recommendations of the START Working Group on Confidence-Building Measures (CBMs) concerning . the upcoming round III of the US-USSR Communications Improvement Talks, and to discuss next steps regarding the proposed nuclear incidents initiative.

Multilateral Nuclear Incidents Agreement: The IG agreed to implement option 3 of the WG paper: during the next round of the Communications Talks the US Delegation will raise in a low-key way the possibility of extending the provisions of the US-USSR "Accidents Measures" Agreement to cover the types of nuclear incidents envisioned in the MNIA. The appropriate pre-formatted message(s) would be added to the list of such messages given in the SECRET 1976 Protocol to the Agreement.

This decision was made without prejudice to option 4 --US-USSR joint negotiation of a Multilateral Nuclear Incidents Agreement which would be binding on the two drafters and as many other nations as wished to accede to its terms. A final decision on whether to implement option 4 will not be made until we have the Soviet reaction to option 3.

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Communications Talks: The IG decided that during the upcoming third round of the talks the US Delegation should table a draft US-Soviet agreement on upgrading the Direct Communications Link (DCL) by addition of facsimile transmission capability, and should propose that the two Delegations initial the text during Round III. The text will include a provision calling for regular review of the DCL, as well as the agreement's technical annex, and will be provided to the Soviet Government in advance of the round.

During round III, the US Delegation will once again raise in a low-key way the issue of the periodic joint review of DCL equipment, procedures, and uses. The Delegation will make the case for such a reviews; if this proves to be a stumbling block, however, the Delegation will not press the issue, but will note that we will return to the subject the future.

The Delegation also will raise the issue of expanding the list of circumstances which would warrant use of the DCL. Specifically, the Delegation will explore with the Soviets the idea of using the DCL in the event of terrorist nuclear incidents, as decribed above.

Next Steps: The IG tasked the WG with producing a short paper summarizing how we intend to proceed, and tactics for possible contingencies which might affect the decision to table a draft agreement; draft instructions for the delegation; and talking points regarding the above subjects for use in Moscow.

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